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**WILLIE'S AND ANNIE'S PRAYER**

'Twas the night before Christmas, "Good-night" had been said, And Annie and Willie had crept into bed; There were tears on their pillow and tears in their eyes, And each little bosom was heaving with sighs. For tonight their stern father's command had been given That they should retire precisely at seven. Instead of eight, for they troubled him more With questions unheard of than ever before. He had told them he thought this deception a sin, No such thing as "Santa Claus" ever had been; And he hoped, after this, he should never more hear How he scrambled down chimneys with presents each year. And this was the reason that two little heads So relentlessly tossed on their soft, downy beds. Eight, nine and the clock in the steeple tolled ten, Not a word had been spoken by either till then. When Willie's sad face from their blanket did peep, And whispered: "Dear Annie, are you fast asleep?" "Why, no, brother Willie," a sweet voice replied, "I've tried it in vain, but I can't shut my eyes. For somehow it makes me sorry because Dear papa has said there is no Santa Claus. Now, we know that there is, and it can't be denied, For he came every year before our mama died. And then I've been thinking that she used to pray, And God would hear everything mama would say, And perhaps she asked Him to send Santa Claus here With the sack full of presents he brought every year." "Well, why tan't we pray, dest as mamma did then, And ask God to send him with presents aden?" "I've been thinking so, too," and without a word more Four little feet bounded out on the floor, And four little knees the soft carpet pressed, And two tiny hands were clasped close to each breast. "Now, Willie, you know we must firmly believe That the presents we ask for we are sure to receive, You must wait, just be still, till I say 'Amen.' And by that you will know that your turn has come then."

"Dear Jesus, look down on my brother and me, And grant us the favor we are seeking of Thee, I want a wax dolly, a tea set and ring, And an ebony workbox that shut's with a spring; Bless papa, dear Jesus, and cause him to see That Santa Claus loves us far better than he; Don't let him get angry or fretful again At dear brother Willie and Annie; Amen."

"Please, Desus, 'et Santa Claus tum down tonight And bring us some presents before it is 'te; I want he should dive me a nice 'little s'ed With bright shinin' yunners and all painted yed; A box full of tandy, a book and a toy; Amen, and then, Desus, I'll be a dood boy."

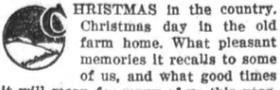
Their prayers being ended, they raised up their heads And with hearts light and cheerful again sought their beds, And were soon lost in slumber, both peaceful and deep, And with fairies in dreamland were roaming in sleep.

Eight, nine, and the little French clock had struck ten. Ere the father had thought of his children again. He seems now to hear Annie's half-suppressed sigh, And to see the big tears stand in Willie's blue eyes. "I was hard with my darlings," he mentally said, "And should not have sent them so early to bed; But of course they've forgot all their troubles ere this, And that I denied them the thrice-asked-for kiss; But, just to make sure, I'll steal up to their door, For I never spoke harshly to them before."

So saying, he softly ascended the stairs And arrived at the door to hear both of their prayers. His Annie's "bless papa" drew forth the big tears, And Willie's grave promise falls sweet on his ears. "Strange, strange I'd forgotten," said he, with a sigh, "How I longed when a child to have Christmas draw nigh; I'll atone for my harshness," he inwardly said, "By answering their prayers ere I sleep on my bed." Then he turned to the stairs and softly went down, Threw off velvet slippers and silk dressing gown, Donned hat, coat and boots and was out on the street, A millionaire facing the cold, driving sleet, Nor stopped he until he had bought everything, From the box full of candy to the

**YULETIDE IN THE COUNTRY**

Christmas Day in the Old Farm Home Recalls Fond and Pleasant Recollections.



CHRISTMAS in the country, Christmas day in the old farm home. What pleasant memories it recalls to some of us, and what good times it will mean for many of us this year. There is really no place like the farm home for Christmas good times and jollity and good cheer. Here, if anywhere, prosperity and plenty abound, and in family gatherings and in neighborhood reunions, with an abundance of the fruits of our labor with which to spread our bountiful boards, old friendships may be renewed, new ones made, and even the stranger within our gates may be added to the list.

At Christmas time we may put into practice the real principles of neighboring. Living close together does not always make neighbors. Speaking acquaintances are not always neighbors. To be real neighbors we must have the spirit of neighborliness in our hearts which prompts us to get together once in awhile, to gather around a well-laden table and feast, and visit, and laugh and joke and have a rousing good time. To love our neighbor as we do ourself, we have to know him pretty well, and there is nothing like these neighborly reunions as a means of getting acquainted.

It may be that some of us will have to do a little mental and spiritual housecleaning before Christmas day dawns. We shall have to rid ourselves of all the old rubbish of grudges, dislikes, jealousies and ill feelings which we will find pigeon-holed away when we begin to overhaul the accumulation of the years. You will have to throw all this into the discard before you can get into the real Christmas spirit, because the two will not mix. If you have wronged your neighbor in any way, Christmas is a good time to make reparation. And if you feel that you have been wronged, why, just forget it, and the Christmas spirit and the Christmas "get-together" will do the rest. Christmas should be a time of peace and good will to all mankind, and not to a few favored friends. It should be a time of reviving old associations, of renewing old friendships, and of making new friends, and the peace and good will, the neighborliness and good fellowship thus revived should not be allowed to die out as the yule fires cease to burn, but should flow out in a pteous stream to enrich our lives through all the days of the coming year.

tiny gold ring. Indeed, he kept adding so much to his store That the various presents outnumbered a score. Then homeward he turned with his holiday load, And with Aunt Mary's help in the nursery it was stored. Miss Dollie was seated behind a pine tree, By the side of a table, spread out for her tea, A work-box well filled in the center was laid, And on it a ring for which Annie had prayed. A soldier in uniform stood by a sled "With bright shining runners, and all painted red." There were balls, dogs and horses, books pleasing to see, And birds of all colors were perched in the tree, While Santa Claus, laughing, stood up in the top As if getting ready more presents to drop. And as the fond father the picture surveyed, He thought for his trouble he had amply been paid, And he said to himself, as he brushed off a tear: "I'm happier tonight than I've been for a year. I've enjoyed more true pleasure than ever before; What care I if bank stocks fall ten per cent more? Hereafter I'll make it a rule, I believe, To have Santa Claus visit us each Christmas Eve." So thinking, he gently extinguished the light And tripped down the stairs to retire for the night.

As soon as the beams of the bright morning sun Put the darkness to flight and the stars, one by one, Four little blue eyes out of sleep opened wide, Then at the same moment the presents espied. Then out of their bed they sprang with a bound, And the very gifts prayed for all of them found. They laughed and they cried in their innocent glee, And shouted for "papa" to come quick and see old Santa had brought in the night— Just the things that they wanted, and left before light. "And now," added Annie, in a voice soft and low, "You'll believe there's a Santa Claus, papa, I know." While dear little Willie climbed up on his knee, Determined no secret between them should be, And told, in soft whisper, how Annie had said That their dear, blessed mamma, so long ago dead, Used to kneel down and pray by the side of her chair, And that God up in heaven had answered her prayer; "Then we dot up and played, dest as well as we toud, And Dad answered our prayers. Now wasn't he dood?"

**TO THE STOCKHOLDERS NARBONNE RANCH WATER COMPANY NO. 5**

November 25, 1921.  
At the last meeting of the Board of Directors a motion was passed providing means whereby every Stockholder, whether able to attend the annual meeting or not, might cast his vote for the Directors of his choice.

For the past six years a sufficient number of shares has not been represented at the annual meeting to permit of holding a legal election according to our bylaws. Therefore, the old Board automatically were required to serve. Vacancies have from time to time been appointed by the remaining Directors.

The accompanying Ballot must be marked, sealed in its voting envelope and mailed or presented to the Secretary, so as to be in his possession before 7:00 P. M. of January 9th, 1922.

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

JANUARY, 1922  
FOR THE ELECTION OF FIVE DIRECTORS FOR THE NARBONNE RANCH WATER COMPANY NO. 5

The following is a complete list of Stockholders, together with their last known address as shown by the books of the Company on November 1, 1921.

**VOTE FOR FIVE DIRECTORS**

NOTE—The five Stockholders receiving the highest number of votes will be elected Directors for the ensuing year. In the event that one or more of those elected will not serve, the next highest in receipt of votes will be considered elected.

To vote for a Director mark a Cross in the circle in front of the party's name:

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| 0 J. K. Adams, Lomita, Cal.                     | 0 Daisy Knights, Toledo, O.                             |
| 0 Albert Alden, Lomita, Cal.                    | 0 C. F. Knutsen, Lomita, Cal.                           |
| 0 Edward Anberg, Lomita, Cal.                   | 0 Anna L. Larson, Santa Monica                          |
| 0 Andrew Anderson, Ray, Ariz.                   | 0 R. Larson, Lomita, Cal.                               |
| 0 A. E. Anderson, Lomita, Cal.                  | 0 W. H. Lee, Los Angeles, Cal.                          |
| 0 A. H. Anderson, Lomita, Cal.                  | 0 H. B. Linderman, Lomita, Cal.                         |
| 0 Charles Anderson, Lomita, Cal.                | 0 W. D. Lockhart, Lomita, Cal.                          |
| 0 Paul Anderson & C. A. Thirup, San Pedro, Cal. | 0 Andrew Longran, Lomita, Cal.                          |
| 0 S. Argo, Lomita, Cal.                         | 0 Los Angeles Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Cal. |
| 0 Jackson Autry, Lomita, Cal.                   | 0 L. Lowe, Lomita, Cal.                                 |
| 0 C. F. Baker, Lomita, Cal.                     | 0 W. H. Lydell, Monrovia, Cal.                          |
| 0 Marie W. Baker, Lomita, Cal.                  | 0 H. A. Maddox, Lomita, Cal.                            |
| 0 John Bebb, Wilmington, Cal.                   | 0 F. Mading, Lomita, Cal.                               |
| 0 John Bergstrom, Lomita, Cal.                  | 0 M. Martinez, Lomita, Cal.                             |
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| 0 Geo. W. Brooksby, Lomita, Cal.                | 0 D. C. Narver, Los Angeles, Cal.                       |
| 0 Ralph Brown, San Pedro, Cal.                  | 0 Susie O. Newhouse, Covina, Cal.                       |
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| 0 L. B. Collins, Lomita, Cal.                   | 0 L. A. Pangborn, Lomita, Cal.                          |
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| 0 John Holm, Lomita, Cal.                       | 0 J. G. Watts and Minnie Greer, Burbank, Cal.           |
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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**  
I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as my proxy, with power to act for me and in my stead, the same as if I were present in person, to vote \_\_\_\_\_ shares of stock vested in me in the Narbonne Ranch Water Company Number Five, at Lomita, Los Angeles County, California, at the Annual Meeting on January 9, 1922, at 7:00 o'clock P. M., at the Company's Office.  
(Signed)